

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE NETWORK

Children, Family & Futures

EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

MINUTES

December 9, 2003
First 5 San Bernardino
330 North D Street, Fifth Floor
San Bernardino

In Attendance:

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Mary Jaquish	First 5 San Bernardino	mjaquish@cfc.sbcounty.gov	909-386-7706

1. Welcome and Introductions

Everyone was welcomed and self-introductions were made.

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of October Minutes

The minutes will stand as approved.

4. Guest Speaker: Sherman Garnett, Child Welfare Attendance Recorder for San Bernardino County on: No Child Left Behind – McKinney Homeless Act

Please see detailed handouts for information.

Questions and Comments

Q: How will these impact families that come from a different country and are not citizens?

A: They will still be enrolled in school, which is the safest place for a child, citizenship has nothing to do with it.

Q: How will this impact schools ADA for positive attendance not negative attendance?

A: There is no funding for this program, they must follow the law. They need to place flyers in local places so people know what their rights are. They are hosting two trainings in January and spreading the word.

Comments: Need help with public service campaign on television or am/fm radio. If anyone can help please contact Sherman tomorrow morning. People need to understand their rights and what services are out there. He was afraid that people were too scared to talk to him at the Orange show after the fires for fear he was CPS. Education is the priority right now.

5. Roundtable Discussion / Networking

Adolfo Gonzales of Public Health reported: He works with the nutrition program, “5 a Day Power Play”, a campaign that dates back to 1995. The objective of this program is to reach children from ages 9 to 11 (4th and 5th graders) to increase fruits and vegetable consumption to beat childhood obesity. Their program is completely free and they work with schools, CBO’s, (Community Based Organizations) YMCA, Redlands School District Office, etc... The ultimate goal of this program is to change the eating and exercise habits of young children so they stay healthy for life. Materials: A cookbook made with kids in mind. For more information call (909) 387-6320.

Mary Jaquish of First 5 San Bernardino reported: She mentioned funding available to kids to expand networks, family resource centers, and supportive services. There are also grants for injury related domestic violence, sexual or youth violence, suicide prevention and child abuse for \$275,000. The deadline for applications is February 3rd. She will provide further details at a later time. Brookdale Foundation has funding for grandparents and relatives for kids for 15, 2-year grants of \$10,000, deadline January 15th (this county has not been funded yet). Ludwig Foundation has 15 to 20 grants up to \$5,000 available for education, equipment, and facilities improvement (no salaries included). A letter of interest is due March 1st. If they are interested in funding, you will receive a letter back and the full proposal is due March 31st. Shell Oil has funding available for substance abuse prevention/treatment, info at www.shellus.com/community/involvement/shell_foundation.html. There is a two-day presentation at the First 5 office which includes 4 modules on writing for funding. The first two modules are on December 10th and 11th. Sorry for the late notice, but everyone is welcome for a fee of \$50. She mentioned to make sure that each organizations entry in the MOU is complete and up-to-date because they will be handed out to the children who receive backpacks through Somebody Cares Southland.

Sherman Garnett of County Schools reported: All San Bernardino kids are invited to an event on Sunday put on by County Schools and K-Frog. There will be 500 bikes given out including a helmet. The event starts at 1:00pm at the Arrowhead Credit Union Stadium.

Stephani Congdon of Bethel Community Outreach reported: They are looking for volunteers.

Veatrice Jews of IEACC reported: They are working with Aurora Valley High School with student summit meetings; the second one is due on December 17th at noon in the auditorium. There was recently a shooting at the mall that involved some students from this school and since then IEACC has flooded the school with pastors working towards calming the situation with gangs.

June Chandler of Volunteers of America reported: They are implementing a program to educate families with children 0-3 with an in-home approach. Their program is free. They currently serve 25 children with special needs including cerebral palsy. They serve five zip codes in the county including areas in San Bernardino, Rialto, Highland and Colton.

Ron Hernandez of Cameron Hill Aftercare reported: Each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday they offer programs with different topics including; gang intervention, anger management, leadership, and motivation and money management. They are developing a full focus program including a 12- week leadership program for young people to begin at the end of January. They are also starting a Mentoring program in San Bernardino and High Desert for youth aging out of the system (17-21). He will bring more information on this program at the next meeting.

Linda Porras of Reproductive Health reported: They are teaching teen abstinence in selected middle schools. It is an 8-session course to teach parents how to teach children about sexuality. They have been going into high schools for many years, teaching about STD (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) and pregnancy prevention. They also use the opportunity to let them know about services provided through the Public Health office.

Will Sind/Rems Turner of UNI Radio reported: They are almost up and running on 99.7 in Morongo Valley. They will gear their program towards young people. They will also provide free public service announcements for events in the county. They will bring brochures/further information to the next meeting.

Ruth Griffin First 5 San Bernardino reported: Ruth mentioned she has the kits for New Parents available. The final version of the Strategic Plan will be presented to the Commission on January 21st.

Susan Melanson of Children's Network reported: She has been putting the final touches on the Annual Report and it will be ready to go to print. It is filled with data.

The speaker in January will be Brian Thomson with an overview of the Child Welfare Redesign. Brian will also go over how the new system will work and how they are going from CPS (Child Protective Services) to a team focus. They need input and want everyone's participation, don't miss it!

6. Next Meeting Date: January 13, 2004
Valley Star Children & Family Services
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Respectfully Submitted,

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